



Hosta 'Dancing Queen'

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The Hosta Hideaway offering for 2019

In Memory Of:



Gregg Allen Peterson

Gregg will be dearly missed by all who knew him. A loving father to Mike (Gen), Steve (Anna), grandfather to Quinn, Vivian, and Bow, brother to Karen (Dan), Scott (Carol), and husband to Amy for 41+ years.

Gregg influenced many and was a respected Boy Scout leader, educator, and loyal friend. An active member, speaker, and current president of the American Hosta Society he enjoyed gardening with and talking about hostas! He will be greatly missed by all, including his three dachsies: Winnie, Amber, and Grayden.

Celebration of Life, Saturday, March 9th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the:
Heritage Room at Bachman's, 6010 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Click here to sign the online guest book and share a thought with Amy and the family:
<https://www.currentobituary.com/obit/230481>

Memorials will be donated to the American Hosta Society:
<http://americanhostasociety.org/WaystoGive/SupportTheAHS.htm>



Message from the Interim President

Mary Schwartzbauer, Hastings, MN

It is with great difficulty that I write this 'Presidents Message'. The current President of the American Hosta Society, Gregg Peterson, died in the early morning hours of February 22. He was a kind man and my friend.

With this unexpected development, the AHS entered into uncharted territory, as his wife Amy, the current AHS Executive Vice President, determined she could not move up to fill Gregg's office at this most difficult time. Until now, should the President, for one reason or another, not be able to fulfill their role, the Executive Vice President steps in to do so. If other positions are vacated, the President assigns a temporary replacement until the next election can take place. You can see why this left the AHS in a quandary of sorts with 4 months until Gregg's term was up. I was the President of AHS from 2005-2007. I know it is difficult to find people to step into leadership roles even with ample time. I know that the workings of a plant organization seem trivial at a time like this, but the duties of the AHS still need to be attended to.

I was speaking with Don Dean, Immediate Past President of the society, and in the spirit of the friendship plant, and the memory of my dear friend, I offered my assistance if needed. Don took this information to the Board of Directors and I have been appointed the interim President of the AHS. It has been awhile since I've been to an AHS board meeting let alone run one, and I know some things have changed! But I also know what a great group of people are on the board and what a great group of people makes up our membership, so I know, with everyone's help, we will make it through this difficult time.

Onto a lighter topic or two. Having reread the last few issues of Gregg's messages in the *eNewsletter*, I see he highlighted a local society as well as a nursery in each issue. With a time crunch looming before me, I will opt out of that this month, although I think that is a great idea and I hope it continues.

Don't forget to register to attend the AHS + Midwest Regional Convention in Green Bay Wisconsin this June. Since the two are combined this year you only have the one event instead of the usual two. Previously, some members had to choose which one of the two they would attend in a particular year. This year you don't have to! We hope to see you there!

Danny asked me if I had a picture of myself and any of my garden to include in this article. As I am definitely not of the 'selfie generation', I suggested he use my old President's photo (surely I haven't aged THAT much in 12 years!). I also didn't really have any of my garden from the more recent past, so I decided I should go out and get a most recent photo. I suppose many of you don't experience this type of gardening, but maybe this year more of you than usual are. Enjoy!



Sincerely,

Mary Schwartzbauer
Interim President



Hostas and Associates

Glenn Herold, Cedarburg, WI

The Japanese Hostas, Part 6

Hosta montana (Oba Giboshi)

Though hostas are native to Japan, China, and Korea, the majority of species come from Japan. This article is the sixth in a series which will talk about those species. Previous eNewsletter articles have covered *Hosta alismifolia*, *H. nakaiana*, *H. pycnophylla*, *H. longipes*, and *H. longissima*. If you missed any of the past articles, you can find them on my blog site: <https://thecottagegardener53012.wordpress.com>. Today we will discuss *H. montana*, Oba Giboshi, which is translated from the Japanese as "Large-leaved Hosta."

As the name suggests, *Hosta montana* is a large plant. It can reach a height of about 28 inches and spread to six feet or more. Leaves are approximately 12 inches long and 9 inches wide. They are medium green with good substance, moderately shiny, with a puckered base and a long, distinct tip. Some have a piecrust margin. Veins are deeply set. Though rare, Mark Zilis did find some plants with a bluish bloom in his 2018 trip to Japan.

Flowers are usually a pale lavender color, almost white, and appear during the month of July. Some naturally occurring double flowers do occur. The cultivar 'Fujibotan' was selected for consistently double flowers. Scapes may be up to 50 inches long, allowing the flowers to extend above the grasses of the meadows in which they may be growing, and making them readily accessible to the insect pollinators. They are very fertile and many seeds are produced. Bracts at the base of the flowers are a key identification feature.

Hosta montana is very common in Japan on the islands of Honshu and Hokkaido. So common, in fact, that it is even considered a weed in Japanese rice fields. To reduce the invasive populations, it is sometimes used as a vegetable or as a wrapping for sushi. *Hosta montana* grows on a wide range of sites, so is quite successful when used in a garden setting. This wide-ranging provenance also results in some population variation in flower color, leaf characteristics, and scape length. Though these morphological variations may be slight, there are major differences in spring emergence. The species usually emerges early. Typical of this is the cultivar 'Aureomarginata,' which is likely to be the first hosta to emerge in your garden. However, the type growing near Mount Fuji is a full three to four weeks later to emerge, making it less likely to be subject to damage by late spring frosts. Among the cultivars selected from this ecotype are 'Choko Nishiki,' 'Mountain Snow,' and 'Kinkaku.'



Photo by Glenn Herold

Hosta montana is sometimes confused with *H. sieboldiana*. Though the DNA is similar, there are distinct morphological differences between the two. Anthers of *H. montana* are blue to violet whereas those of *H. sieboldiana* are a whitish yellow. Leaves of *H. montana* have 12 to 14 vein pairs; *H. sieboldiana* has 16 to 18. *Hosta sieboldiana* has a larger leaf and shorter scape.

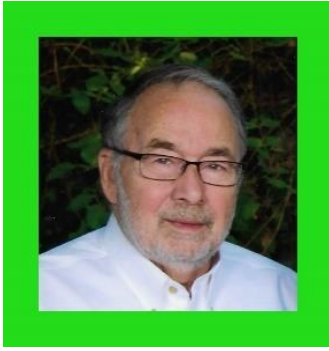
There are enough morphological differences in *Hosta montana* to break it into several varieties and forms. *Hosta montana* var. *ovatolancifolia* (Nagare Giboshi) is quite distinct. It forms a smaller mound with shorter scapes. Foliage is shiny. Zilis surmises that this may be a naturally occurring hybrid. Seedlings of this variety include 'Dragon Wings,' 'Frosted Jade,' 'Fujibotan,' 'Lakeside Cha Cha,' 'Peppermint Ice,' 'Silk Komono,' and 'Stingray.'

Hosta montana forma *macrophylla*, found on Honshu Island, is the same plant formerly named 'Praeflorens.' Leaves are large, up to 18 inches long and 12 inches wide, shiny, lightly rippled, but not corrugated. A slight bloom may be detected on the underside of the leaf. The plant has a semi upright form. Flowers open just above the foliage, unlike the other *montana* types which have long scapes. This form has been used to breed 'Grand Canyon,' 'Niagara Falls,' 'Godzilla,' 'Midnight Sun,' 'Big Kahuna,' 'T Rex,' 'Skylight' and others.

Close to 50 cultivars of *Hosta montana* listed in MyHostas database have their origin in Japan, but hosta hybridizers have been active with this species as well. Over 150 cultivars in the database have *H. montana* listed in their origin. Breeders like the good leaf substance, fertility, and deeply set veins of this species. In addition to those listed earlier, some of my favorites are 'Donahue Piecrust,' 'Falling Waters,' 'Lemon Chiffon,' 'On Stage' (thought to be the same as 'Choko Nishiki'), 'Pewter Frost,' 'Teacher's Pet,' and 'Yellow River.' No doubt you have your favorites as well. Nary a hosta garden exists without an abundance of *Hosta montana* seedlings and sports.



Photo by Glenn Herold



Go Hostas!

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More on Slug and Snail Killer Pellets

This is a follow up to item on slug and snail killer pellets in the January 2019 *eNewsletter*.

It should have mentioned that the label on Deadline® M-Ps™ Mini-Pellets Slug and Snail Bait—the blue-colored pellets containing 4% *metaldehyde*—was changed a few years ago to make residential use illegal. The manufacture’s previous information did not say anything about residential use. The new information says:

This product may not be applied to residential sites (i.e., in yards, gardens, around homes and apartments) and other sites such as the exterior areas around schools and daycare facilities, and athletic fields, playgrounds, parks, recreation areas, etc.

Also, Deadline M-Ps are **not** available in 3 lb. bag on the Internet. They are available only in 10 and 50 lb. bags.

What is available in a 3 lb. bag is a slug/snail bait labeled Deadline® Slug and Snail Slayer. (Note *Slayer* in the name.) These pellets contain 2% *metaldehyde*. They are manufactured in China and marketed by Central Garden & Pet, Walnut Creek, Calif. The Home Depot, Lowe’s and Walmart offer it on the Internet.

Deadline M-Ps pellets are manufactured and marketed by Amvac Chemical Corporation, Los Angeles. Before about 2008 they were manufacture and sold by a chemical company in Washington State. The high visibility of M-Ps pellets’ blue color is intended to help monitor proper coverage.

The word “Deadline” in the two products’ labels is graphically different. In addition to lettering design, the 4% M-Ps label has a snail above the final “e” while the 2% label has a stylized circle as the dot above the “i.”

Also available on the Internet is Southern Ag Slug & Snail Bait containing 3.25% *metaldehyde*. These pellets are available in 1, 2.5 and 20 lb. containers.

None of these pellets intentionally contain an additive to discourage children, pets and wildlife from ingesting them. The 4% M-Ps pellets contain a proprietary additive to attract slugs/snails, which an Amvac representative told me may be bitter tasting.

Bill Meyer, Woodbury, Connecticut, co-“librarian” of Hosta Library, pointed out that recent research has determined the molluscicide action of *metaldehyde*: Structure and organells of the mucus producing cells in skin, footsole and digestive tract are destroyed.

Concerning 1% iron phosphate slug/snail bait pellets also mentioned in previous *Go Hostas!*, Bill emphasized: “There is no question that chelated iron phosphate releases elemental iron into the system of anything that swallows it. Iron poisoning is well understood, and a significant cause of poisoning deaths of children.”

Bottom line: Several different slug/snail killer pellets are available. Whichever one you use, read the label thoroughly *and follow it*. Keep in mind that their molluscicide effectiveness is highly depend on other factors, such as: Were the pellets applied correctly? When in early season were the pellets applied? Was the soil moist? Was there heavy rain or irrigation after application? Was only one application made? *Several are usually needed.*

Garlic for Abating Slugs and Snails

The British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society is issuing a Handbook for its new members. June Colley and John Baker, noted for their spectacular Hosta Hanging Garden in Lindford, Hampshire, U.K., are the editors. This is what the Handbook says about garlic for slug and snail abatement.

“Scientists from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne have found that garlic could help win the costly worldwide war against slugs and snails as an environmentally friendly pesticide. Slugs and snails bring havocs to British gardens because of our mild winters. Garlic is already being used in some products as a mollusk repellent. Earlier work by Newcastle University found that garlic kills slug eggs laid in the soil. However, the concentration of garlic was not stated.

“The best and most cost-effective method of application is by spraying the leaves and stems of the plant. Ian Scroggy, Bali-Hai Nursery, Ballymena, Northern Ireland, formulated a recipe some years ago.

“Preparation of Garlic Juice: Take two whole bulbs of garlic, place in a plastic bag and then crush to a pulp using a rolling pin or hammer. Empty the pulp into a pan and add a litre of water. Bring to boil and simmer for five minutes.

“Strain the juice into a jug and squeeze the pulp to remove all of the garlic liquid. Store this concentrated garlic juice in an air tight dark bottle or plastic container in the fridge and label it ‘Garlic.’ It might be useful to put the bottle inside a plastic bag so no odour escapes.

“An alternative to garlic bulbs which we have used is dried garlic granules sold by pet shops as a horse feed to prevent insect bites. It’s a brilliant idea from a ‘horsey’ woman visitor to our garden. This is in fact more cost effective. We use half a cupful boiled in a litre of water and this will produce a strong concentrated juice.

“Add two tablespoons of garlic juice per litre of water in your watering can or spray bottle and apply to the hosta leaves and stems when the plant is not in bright sunlight. Apply the spray every two weeks. You may need to apply again after rain as this will wash the garlic into the soil. It is beneficial also to spray other plants near to the hostas as snails often hide in these plants during the day.

“While the garlic juice has an odour, the garden will not smell strongly of garlic because it is diluted in the water. The mild odour will only linger for a few hours. But the spray is sufficient to repel the slugs and snails. Ian Scroggy adds mint to the solution to repel other pests.”

I asked June, “Aren’t snail/slug pellets used in U.K.?” “Yes,” she said, “but some people want a cheaper alternative and environment friendly. They have a misconception that pellets will kill animals but we explain

they have to eat a huge quantity. Also, people moan about cost and when it rains, some are not as effective and disintegrate.”

Ammonia for Slug/Snail Mitigation

This method applies dilute household ammonia to the soil in early season. It was invented by Barbara Tiffany, at Mill Fleurs, Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania, whose exceptional gardens were on tour at the 2018 AHS National Convention. Here is the back story.

Barbara and husband, Tiff (Robert), attended the 1996 AHS convention in Portland, Oregon. They visited an optional garden very early in the morning, and Barbara noticed that the 8-year-old daughter of the garden owner was spraying household ammonia on slugs that were on the hosta leaves. Slugs—and some are huge—are a big problem in the Pacific Northwest. The ammonia (NH₃) dosing “melted” the mollusks on contact.



The Burgundy Border at The Gardens at Mill Fleurs in summer

(Photo by H. Robert Tiffany III)

Barbara wanted desperately to control slugs on their (3,000+) hostas. So, upon returning home, she started around 5:00 PM every evening to spray diluted household ammonia until it got dark. Even with a nice, cold brew in hand it was just too much work, especially for her trigger finger.

The next season she decided to try something different. She poured a half bucket of diluted ammonia directly on the crown of each hosta as the pips emerged, drenching the soil all around each plant. Since not all hostas emerge at the same time, this procedure in the Tiffany’s gardens takes three to four weeks.

Tiff states they see virtually no slugs on the treated hostas, and there are no marks of any kind on tender new leaves. This method is truly a win/win for those who love hostas. Not only does it eliminate slugs who intend to feast on our favorite genus, ammonia adds nitrogen to the soil!

Initially a five-gallon pail was used to apply the diluted ammonia solution. Mill Fleurs is a large property and this required considerable time and effort. Now an industrial metered injector system, Dosatron, connected to a garden hose is used. For small gardens, there are low-cost simple injector systems that mix hose water with a fluid, usually liquid fertilizer. One handy gadget sold on the

Internet is the Hyde PivotPro™ watering wand with a metering system that attaches to a faucet and sprays out the pre-determined diluted solution.

The Tiffanys do not know if the process could or should be done in the middle of the day. They have used ammonia after 5:00 PM or early in the morning. “We are unwilling to try it when the sun is high because we think it might cause leaf scorch, as water sometimes does,” Barbara warns.

Household ammonia is a solution of ammonia (NH₃) in water. Wikipedia says household ammonia ranges in concentration by weight from 5% to 10%. Accordingly, what is commonly sold in supermarkets and hardware stores as “household ammonia” was thought to contain 5% ammonia. Furthermore, this concentration was thought to be unnecessarily strong and should be diluted. So, arbitrarily, household ammonia was diluted to a 10% solution. This, supposedly, would be a 0.5% solution of ammonia in water. To make the 10% solution, one part of household ammonia is mixed with 9 parts water.

However, Wikipedia is incorrect. Household ammonia, often called “All Purpose Cleaner - Ammonia,” sold in 64 fluid ounce and one-gallon (128 fl. oz.) plastic bottles in supermarkets, hardware suppliers and other stores, is only *1% to 3% ammonia*. In a recent query, Tiff found that the household ammonia he was purchasing from his local grocer was 2%. Diluting 2% NH₃ solution 10% yields a *0.2% ammonia solution*. In other words, **the Tiffanys were applying 0.2% NH₃ solution—and the results were satisfactory!**

Also, Tiff found that the cost per gallon of household ammonia varied depending on NH₃ concentration and the particular store. A gallon container of 2% NH₃ solution at his local supermarket cost \$1.98, while his local outlet of a national hardware chain sold a 10% “industrial strength” NH₃ solution for \$7.00/gallon.

Because of cost saving and ease of handling, Tiff now **purchases ammonia as a 10% solution and dilutes it to ~0.2% NH₃ solution** for application at Mill Fleurs.

Mill Fleurs requires about 60 gallons of 10% NH₃ solution. Each gallon of 10% NH₃ solution makes about 50 gallons of ~0.2% NH₃ solution. Thus, each gallon of ~0.2% ammonia solution costs *about 15 cents*.

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU: In the spring of 2016, Tiff ordered 60 gallons of 10% NH₃ solution from a local hardware store. Not surprising, this huge quantity had to be obtained from the store’s central distribution center.

Several weeks later, two men drove down Mill Fleurs’ driveway to the parking area, exited their auto, walked to the front door of the mill and knocked on it. Tiff opened the door and they identified themselves. They were wearing shiny suits, dress shirts and ties, and packing heat: They were Special Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation!

“Tiff was sort of laughing,” Barbara recalls, “when he called me to come downstairs and talk to two men he introduced as FBI agents. Of course I did not believe him until I realized that one man was posing with hand on his hip, his coat drawn back so that I could not miss his gun. They wanted to know why we had purchased such a large quantity of a potentially powerful *explosive!* Were we actually terrorists?”

The hardware store’s main office had contacted the FBI about the order. Evidently this type of investigation is now routine.

Barbara showed the agents 10 cases, each with four one-gallon bottles, neatly arranged on shelves in their garden work room. She explained how they intended to use the ammonia. She also explained they were going to dilute it significantly. The agents had never heard of this use for ammonia. So because she was not certain they believed her, Barbara decided they really required a tour of the gardens at Mill Fleurs. She confesses that something wicked motivated her to give these unsuspecting men an excruciatingly thorough, two-hour tour of the hosta gardens.

Even today the Tiffanys feel just a little sorry for these agents because Barbara held them hostage (hosta-age) for so long. Once they saw the scope of the gardens, they understood that hosta collectors may be certifiable, but they are not necessarily dangerous. The unsuspecting agents could not get away fast enough.

A Cool Hosta Patent Number

Clarence (C.H.) Falstad III, who has a principle responsibility at Walters Gardens, Inc., Zeeland, Michigan, for its plant patents and plant breeders' rights, thinks it is coool that *Hosta* 'One Last Chance' was issued a plant patent number with all digits but the first being zeros.

On December 18, 2018, the U.S. Patent and Copyright Office issued PP30,000 to this hosta, a sport of *H.* 'Dancing Queen' with dark centers and very wide, intensely yellow margins. Inventor is Hans A. Hansen, head of Walters Gardens hybridizing department; assignee is Walters Gardens. The application was filed December 20, 2016.

Of course it was pure chance that 'One Last Dance' happened to be the next plant after PP29,999, an orchid, to be granted a patent number. Nevertheless, being PP30,000 is a notable unique distinction—and C.H. wants the hosta world to be aware of it.



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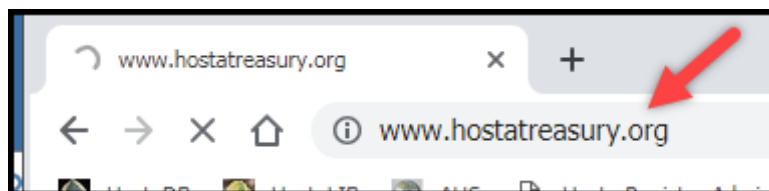
The previous *eNewsletter* introduced everyone to the newly updated registry website. After using it for a short period, it became evident the website was no longer just data for registered hostas. As the home page states:

The site continues to include the familiar Search utility with an additional option to search by year of registration. Photos of registered cultivars are now included and, where possible, they are the original images received with their respective registration applications.

Two new services have also been added. First, the details of Show Classification data for species and registered varieties are now directly available to the public. No one has to download a 72 (or 150) page document to look up the necessary Section, Class, color or leaf size needed for entries in an AHS Hosta Show. Secondly, a service sponsored and maintained by the America Hosta Growers Association (AHGA), is pricing information for all varieties (registered, non-registered or specie) sold by AHGA member nurseries. Both of these services are available on a variety-by-variety basis. Simply use the familiar Search utility to locate your desired cultivar(s). If an AHGA member nursery has that variety for sale, the contact information and pricing will appear on the tab labeled “Hosta Finder” while the “Show Classification” tab provides relevant classification details.

To better reflect the expanded nature of information now available to the public, the name has been changed to: the Hosta Treasury

Many local hosta societies and nurseries have already noted the new name (thank you for noticing), but what everyone might not realize is that the domain name www.HostaTreasury.org will now take you to the same webpage as www.HostaRegistrar.org - - no worries about broken or out-of-date links. A simple web search for “Hosta Registrar” or “Hosta Treasury” will find a number of results that will ultimately get you there. Or, skip the search altogether and type either domain name directly into your web browser’s address line.



We hope you enjoy perusing the updated website!

FEATURED VENDOR



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The husband and wife team of Charles and Donna Seitz have had a love of hostas for over 30 years. Our own collection of hostas has grown to over 450 varieties. In 2004 we moved from Hanover to York Springs and brought our collection of hostas with us. We soon discovered that our new home was a perfect location for growing and displaying hostas. In 2007 we had a vision of sharing our gardens and our love of hosta with others. In May 2008 Donna officially opened The Hosta Hideaway Nursery and Gardens of York Springs, Pennsylvania with approximately 50 varieties of hostas for sale and two display gardens.



Donna Seitz

Our business quickly grew and in 2009 we were able to double the variety of hostas offered and to significantly increase the number of display gardens. We currently have approximately 400 hosta varieties for sale along with other select shade perennials.

At the Hosta Hideaway we endeavor to be more than a business which can be seen in our mission and goals. We strive to demonstrate good stewardship of God's creation through our business, gardens, products, the relationships we develop, and our interactions within the community. To help fulfill the goal of demonstrating good stewardship within the community, The Hosta Hideaway donates 10% of gross sales each season to local, regional and international human service organizations.

We work hard to develop strong relationships with our customers and have found that the relationships we develop have enriched our lives.

We provide a wide range of plant maturity, so our customers have cost choices. Customer service is something we pride ourselves in. We are available to answer questions, help choose the "best" hostas, plan gardens, we

pull the wagons up the hill and carry the hostas to their cars. We both remember a time when this type of service was the norm and being able to recreate this for our customers brings us joy.

Gardeners, especially shade gardeners, are easy going people so our work is light, plus we get to talk about hostas all day. Hostas truly are the friendship plant, they bring people together. In fact, the first hosta we received as a young married couple was given to us in an exchange for some English wood hyacinths we had growing in our backyard. Little did we know that that one plant would bring us so much happiness.



"Welcome To My Garden" says it all!

Our business is located on the two acres where we live. Charles is a professor and chair of the Social Work department at Messiah College which has played a big part in us getting to know and listen to our customers in order to help them fulfill their garden goals. Education is also part of our business, we share our knowledge through garden talks, our garden displays, and the give and take with our customers. We have the philosophy that we don't know it all and you never know when a "little gem" will come your way! We are in continuous learning mode. We spend a lot of time inventing, creating, planning and dreaming of how we can make our little part of the world a more pleasant experience for our customers.



One view of the many display areas

Every year we do something to improve our gardens to keep things fresh, a fish pond, covered sitting area, a new garden or old ones spruced up, a fridge with cold drinks or a pitcher of homemade mint tea, a purchase of umbrellas for spring rains.

We support our local Susquehanna Hosta Society (I am a member and past president) and the American Hosta Society by providing literature and signage promoting membership.



The terraced sales area

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hosta Hideaway Nursery and Gardens of York Springs is to demonstrate good stewardship of God's creation through our business, our gardens, our products, the relationships we develop, and our interactions within the community.

We strive to demonstrate good stewardship of God's creation through:

1. Being ethical and honest in all of our business transactions.
2. Creating garden spaces that showcase the wonders of God and demonstrates respect for the environment.
3. Offering quality plants and other garden related merchandise at fair prices.
4. Developing connections with our customers that demonstrates a friendly and caring relationship.
5. Supporting efforts that enhance the lives of people in our surrounding communities.



FEATURED LOCAL SOCIETY

North Coast Hosta Society

Barb Rauckhorst, President

Website: <http://NorthCoastHostaSociety.weebly.com>



The North Coast Hosta Society of Ohio (NCHS) was founded in 1998; they just finished up their 20th Anniversary as a Society! They currently have about 91 Family Memberships. They meet at least 4 times a year and average 40 members per meeting. Their electronically distributed Newsletter goes out 4 times a year to their membership. Dues are a very reasonable \$10 per year

The NCHS is affiliated with the Great Lakes Region IV Hosta Society (GLRHS) and the American Hosta Society (AHS).

Vice-President Mike Kovach arranges visits to gardens of the members each summer. They also enjoy an annual banquet called the “Jon Soucek/Bob Kuk Memorial Meeting”



A collage of photos from their Hosta Leaf Show



NCHS Hosta Sale Fundraiser

Their last bus trip took them to Western Pennsylvania to Joan Altman’s Garden and also DJ’s Greenhouse. Another year they visited Wade & Gatton’s Nursery in central Ohio.

Plans for 2019 include an AHS sanctioned Leaf Show, teaming up again with the Midland Hosta Society. Occasionally they host an informal leaf show, averaging an impressive 200 leaves from their membership!

As with most Hosta Societies their primary fundraiser are plant sales, this is always a popular and well-attended event.



Yankee Swap



Denise & Andy Mullins' Garden

The NCHS will be hosting "Hosta Tailgating 2019" from June 21-23 in Bay Village, OH. For more information on that event, please click here: <http://northcoasthostasociety.weebly.com/tailgate-2019-flyer.html>



Group Photo – Member Garden Tour 2017



Legendary Hosta Tailgate Dinner & Auction

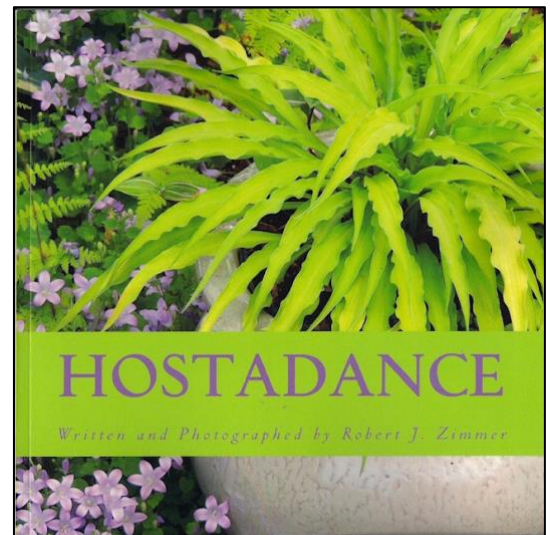
Book Notice

by Clyde Crockett

HOSTADANCE

Written and Photographed by Robert J. Zimmer

The author, also a professional photographer, begins with some stunning close-up photographs of *H. 'Golden Meadows'*, *H. 'Dawn's Early Light'* and *H. 'Irish Luck'* among others, all well chosen to whet the readers' appetites for more to come. This gardener of Appleton, Wisconsin (also known to football fans as the Packerland) grows 1,300 hostas, not only in the ground as I do, but in unfamiliar ways. Books about hostas will always share some duplications in coverage, such as lists of favorites, pictures, characteristics, pests, diseases, tips on hybridizing and the like. Rarely, do we find a book like "Hostadance" which covers topics we don't ordinarily find in the Hosta literature. Our featured book adds a refreshing approach to hosta culture in an unexpected yet brilliant way through breathtakingly beautiful pictures. Think of it in this way: We are taken to a dance, a "Hostadance", where the hostas ask, "Want to dance?" and the willing partners, be they annuals, perennials, containers or hanging baskets, join the dance and add waltzes to our gardens.



Favorite perennials in "GARDEN INSPIRATION" comprise the first major group of our dance partners, ones that include old favorites like Astilbes, Primulas, Creeping Jenny, and Asarum. Also listed are Chocolate Joe-pyeweed, Daylilies, and the great companion, Japanese Painted Fern. A group in this category that caught my eye was ornamental grasses. The combination of the two forms makes an inviting picture, as here with a *Carex* variety 'Toffee Twist.'

There are also lists of annuals to use in Hosta combinations, including impatiens, begonias, callas, various annual ferns, and, something I never would have thought of— petunias.

Next we tango with the group in "SOLO INSPIRATIONS : The magic of hostas in Containers." These are seldom used for the planting of hostas except by that maven of the Hosta world— Warren Pollock, who famously grew hostas in that manner and by some wonderful European collectors; however, pots are brought out of the netherworld here, and shown to be not only for their utility, but for their beauty and impressions. What do you

do in the winter? Just cover them up in the compost pile! A standout here is a stunning photo, among many, of *H.* 'Praying Hands' in a design by Audrey Temmer.

The next dance is "ENSEMBLE: A New Frontier in Fantasy Container Creations" -hosta varieties combined with some of your favorite container plants. Recommended are coleus, lantanas and begonias. Most important though is to include your "spiller", that plant that cascades over the pot., such as an ivy or similar accent. Some examples include Joseph's Coat and Wandering Jew with *H.* 'Rhino Hide,' and *H.* 'Guardian Angel' combined with Japanese Forest Grass and many others.



Finally, the ballet, is the section, "DANCING IN THE WIND: Breathtaking hosta creations in flight." These are the hanging baskets epitomized by this photo featuring a variegated plectantrus and *H.* 'Guacamole'. In these baskets, put together whatever pleases you. The rule here is "Go for it!" Practically any combination shown in this section would be a pretty addition to the creations you can be proud of!

Robert Zimmer is a multifaceted writer, radio host, public speaker and writes garden columns for several newspapers. He is indeed a breath of fresh air - join him in his "Hostadance " which is available from sources one can find via the internet, local libraries, and book stores.

Happy Gardening,
Clyde



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The "brick" above symbolizes how important each person is to the local society and how important the local society is to the national one. Please consider nominating a member, or two, from your local Society to be recognized for their efforts. Each person nominated will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the AHS. These will be sent out in July. Please indicate who the certificate(s) should be mailed to with your submission and also include a short statement explaining your reasoning.

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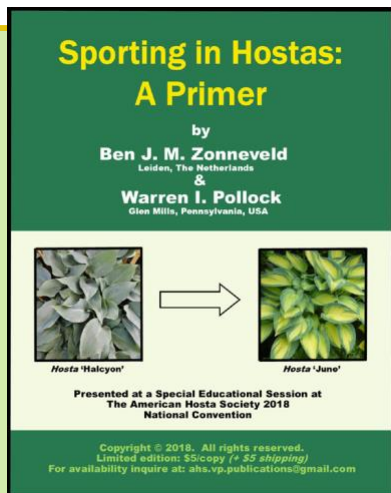
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